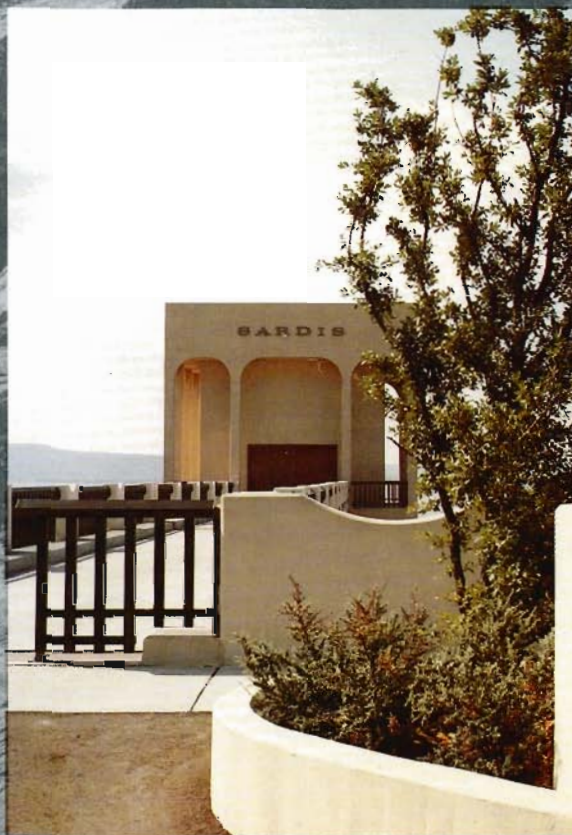


Construction (double-page photo) of Pearson-Skubitz Big Hill Lake was completed in 1981. Named after "Big Hill Joe," an 1820s Indian leader in southeastern Kansas, the lake was built for flood control, water supply, and recreation. On facing page, the mayor of El Dorado moved the last load of dirt for the embankment of the dam that bears his town's name. Inset, this page: the Sardis Lake intake tower.



The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the land were laid bare . . .

— Psalms 18:15

